

Work sample: The rise and fall of ancient Greece

Relevant part of the achievement standard

By the end of Year 7 students sequence some of the main events, people and societies they have studied. They categorise time into periods and interpret timelines.

When researching, students develop historical questions, plan an inquiry and identify relevant historical sources. They locate information from a range of sources and use it as evidence to answer inquiry questions.

Students select and categorise relevant historical information from a range of sources. They examine sources to determine their origin, to identify meaning, point of view, values and attitudes. Students describe the context for people's actions in the past and the historical significance of an individual, group or event. They describe change and continuity over time and suggest reasons for changes.

Students compose historical texts, such as explanations and descriptions (incorporating analysis), which draw on evidence identified in sources. They use appropriate historical terms, concepts and referencing in their historical texts. Students present their findings in a range of forms, in particular written and visual texts, including digital technologies.

Summary of task

Students were asked to prepare notes explaining the rise and fall of ancient Greece. They were required to consider the following factors:

- Social
- Political
- Economic
- Military.

They were also asked to provide evidence of how these factors contributed to either the rise or fall of ancient Greece.

Student attainment of the achievement standard is determined at the end of a reporting period after reviewing relevant assessment evidence.

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Social
Population growth & Issues that affected a large portion of the population. An example is the Athenian Plague as it affected over a 1/3 of the population.

Political
Usually the non-military relations between city-states & nations. An example is the formation of the Delian League, as it was an alliance that, though militarily related, also impacted heavily the politics of Greece.

Economic
The spread & distribution of wealth around Ancient Greece. An example is the movement of the Delian League treasury to Athens, as it boosted their power & economic situation as a whole.

Military
The conquests & wars between both the city-states & nations & how it impacted upon their military strength. An example is the Peloponnesian War.

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How do your reasons contribute to the rise & fall of Ancient Greece?

I believe my first point is a 10 for the rise as it is the formation of the Delian League & was a massive unifier of Greece. I believe my 2nd point is a 9 as the Greek's victory at the Persian wars was a massive victory against their greatest enemy, which contributed to their military morale & gave them access to more trade routes.

Annotations

Identifies and describes reasons for the rise and fall of Ancient Greece, using examples.

Categorises relevant historical information using key concepts (social, political, economic, military).

Uses appropriate historical terms such as city-state, Delian League and Persian wars.

Explains the rise of ancient Greece, incorporating some analysis.

Annotation summary

This work sample focuses on the rise of ancient Greece with explicit reference to key factors involved in the form of a written explanation.

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